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**AMENDMENT B**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 11, 2008, please amend the  
above-identified Application as follows: